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Dear Paul

By the time you get this you should have the ms. Spoke to John yesterday. He will borrow it long enough to make a Xerox copy and then return it. I have told him okay on the Xerox. That way I'll get it back sooner and he'll be in a position to help, if that is his intention and he finds it possible.

I have now drafted that small part of what I had intended as an addition from the executive sessions on a narrow range of what I regard as related aspects. As always, it is ten times longer than I expected. The copy, not counting the length of the long and numerous excerpts, is not less than 13-15,000 words, much too long for a single chapter. I have a notion that as I can I'll do more on my analysis of the ex sess, get it on paper. I could do a book on them in a short while if I thought there was the slightest prospect of publication. I will do it because we should have such an analysis and because on closer reading other interesting things come out, for example the same of which you know.

I am anxious to get your opinion and your suggestions.

From a source I cannot vouch for, one capable of playing games but one who has fed me some excellent leads, I get these names I ask you to keep close. These men are described as more than merely interested in the Shaw case, as going to and from New Orleans on behalf of an official principal, and as "after blood", meaning ours: Josh Falkenstein, Tom Efstrom, Patrick Merlin, Pete Messinger, George Petrovich, Marty Warner, Felix Vaughn, Jim Dixon, Hal Aversec, Abe Eiseman.

I doubt if any will show in your materials, but if they do I'd be very interested.

I'm told an Ed Hersey, of Michigan, is doing a book. Ever hear of him? He is supposed to know me but I do not recall the name.

When John comes to borrow the ms, you might ask him about the new material in which he is working. Also, the name Lorenz, Downtown Lincoln-Mercury Lorenz (and I'd be interested in anything else you have on him), now in Calif.

John says it may be possible for me to come out there in about a month. Can you and Hal keep in touch and see if it is possible to line up speeches for that occasion?

Hurriedly,

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